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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this paper, claims 1-45 are pending. Claims 30 and 32-45 are withdrawn, without prejudice, as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin any claims drawn to processes for preparing or using the elected compounds. Applicants also reserve the right to pursue any non-elected claims and subject matter in a divisional application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the claims into six (6) groups, thereby requiring election of the claims of one (1) group.

As noted above, Applicants elected the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-29 and 31 drawn to a compound of formula (I).

Species Requirement

The Examiner required that if the claims of any one of Groups I-VI is made, an election of a single compound is further required.


As noted above, Applicants elected the compound of Example 5, i.e., 5'-Chloro-N-[3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1-S-(hydroxymethyl)propyl]thiophene-2'-sulfonamide. The elected compound falls under the generic structure of the compound of formula I when X is S; W is C; Y and Z are CR₆; R₆ is H; T is C(OH)R₁R₂; R₁ and R₂ are H; R₃ is H; R₄ is (CF₃)_n alkyl; R₅ is halogen; and n is 2. Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19, 26-29, and 31 read on this election. Applicants request that, subsequent to searching the elected species and thereby finding the elected claims allowable in view thereof, the Examiner extend the search to include the remaining non-elected species and withdraw the outstanding species election requirement.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment in any fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3040.

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